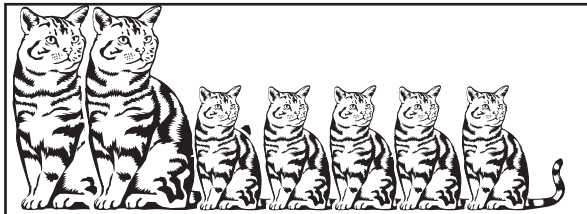
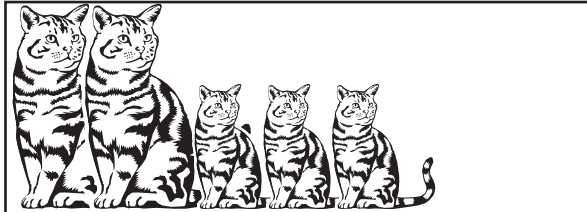
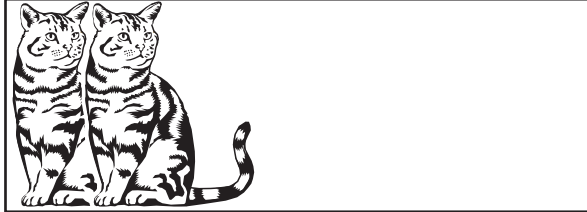


SPAY AND NEUTER

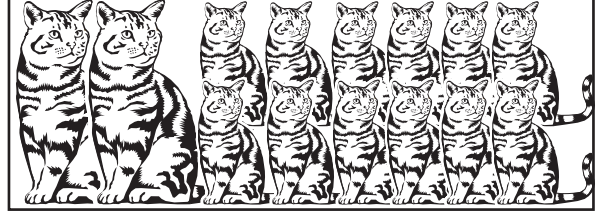
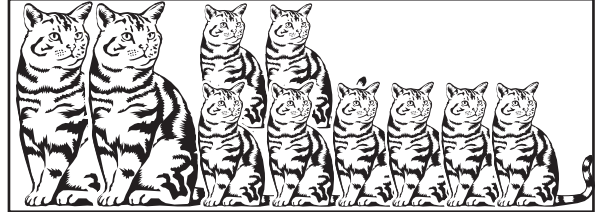
Spaying

A female dog or cat may be spayed any time after four months of age. Spaying (or ovario-hysterectomy) involves abdominal surgery while the animal is under general anesthetic. A spayed female can look forward to a longer life, no heat cycles, and fewer health problems.



Neutering

A male dog and cat may be neutered (or castrated) any time after four months of age. Neutering involves simple surgery while the animal is under general anesthesia. A neutered male will be a better companion, and will be more content to remain at home instead of wandering off in search of females in season.



**It's a matter of
simple arithmetic. . .**

Myth or fact: Neutered and spayed animals get FAT!

Myth. This is not true. If any animal gains extra weight, take a close look at the animal's diet and make sure he or she gets plenty of exercise.

Myth or fact: An animal can be safely spayed or neutered before they produce offspring.

Fact. This is true. By having your animal altered before it produces babies, you may be saving the life of a homeless puppy or kitten that has already been born. Many veterinarians offer spay and neuter services for animals at a very early age, as young as eight weeks. Consult your veterinarian for more information!

SNIPP - Spaying and Neutering is Pet Positive!!

San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control can provide a list of participating veterinarians throughout San Bernardino County.

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